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SUBJ: ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION-PHASE VII

1. IN MEETING THIS MORNING (FEB 9) WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIAL WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MEETING OF INTERINSTITUTIONAL
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE THIS AFTERNOON (4 PM WASHINGTON TIME)
EMBASSY OFFICER WAS GIVEN STRONG INDICATION THAT APPROVAL
WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM GOC RE PHASE VII IF TWO ITEMS CAN
BE GUARANTEED BY EMBASSY.

2. FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT, IN ORDER TO OVERCOME QUESTION
OF APPLYING RESOLUTION 626 BIS, ARTICLE 3, I.E., PAYMENT
OF 30 PERCENT FOR ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH, FOREIGN
MINISTRY OFFICIAL VERY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS A SYMBOLIC
GIFT OF SAME PIECE OF EQUIPMENT OR OTHER ITEM OF SCIENTIFIC
VALUE TO COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY. SUCH A
GIFT WOULD OF COURSE BE MADE LATER AND NOT FORMALLY
CONNECTED WITH APPROVAL OF PHASE VII. HOWEVER, FONMIN
OFFICIAL NEEDS ASSURANCE FROM USG THAT SUCH PRESENTATION
WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS
AGREEMENT WITH THIS SUGGESTION.

3. SECONDPOINT RAISED, IS NECESSITY FOR THOSE IN
CHARGE OF EXPEDITION TO TREAT IN ALL RESPECTS THOSE
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COLOMBIANS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASE VII
(SCIENTISTS AND NAVALOBSERVER) AS FULL MEMBERS OF THE
EXPEDITION. THIS MEANS GRANTING THEM ACCESS TO ALL
PARTS OF THE BOAT AND PERMITTING THEM TO OBSERVE OR
PARTICIPATE, AS APPROPRIATE, IN ALL PHASES OF THE WORK.
THERE WAS APPARENTLY SOME COMPLAINT THAT DURING PHASE I,
THE COLOMBIANS WERE TREATED AS TOURISTS OR GUESTS AND

WERE NOT REPEAT NOT ALLOWED IN THE LAB ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS. THE NAVAL OBSERVER ON BOARD ALSO
REPORTED IN HIS FORMAL REPORT TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF
OF THE COLOMBIAN NAVY THAT MAGNETIC TAPES WERE MADE
DURING THIS EXPEDITION. THIS IS THE SOURCE FOR THE
INQUIRY CONCERNING TAPES IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE
OF JANUARY 14. THE SPECIFICITY OF THE REPORT CONCERNING
THE MAGNETIC TAPES CAUSES THE EMBASSY ONCE AGAIN TO
REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT TO PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH
THE DIRECTOR OF PHASE I UNTIL A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION
IS OBTAINED. EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS
IS A SERIOUS MATTER WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED.

4. BECAUSE TRUNK LINES ARE OUT, IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE
TO CALL DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE. EMBASSY REQUESTS
THE MOST RAPID REPLY POSSIBLE TO MATTER OF SYMBOLIC
GIFT RAISED IN PARA 2. TO BE EFFECTIVE WE MUST HAVE ANSWER BY
4 PM TODAY.
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